

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 376

By Graves

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Barry Sims on  
being selected Volunteer of the Year in  
Robertson County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who  
have selflessly given of their time and resources to the betterment of the community and of the  
State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Barry Sims of Springfield is one such estimable volunteer, having just  
been named Volunteer of the Year in Robertson County; and

WHEREAS, Barry is currently the Superintendent of the University of Tennessee's  
Highland Rim Experiment Station in Springfield where numerous agricultural experiments are  
conducted; and

WHEREAS, established in 1943, the Highland Rim Experiment Station is known for its  
research in cow-calf management and dark-fired and burley tobacco production efficiency;  
considerable research has also been performed there as to the means of better production of  
freshwater prawn in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Dyersburg State Community College with an  
associate's degree, Dr. Sims went on to receive a bachelor's degree in Plant and Soil Science

from the University of Tennessee - Martin, a master's degree in Plant and Soil Science from the University of Tennessee, and a Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas in Agronomy and Weed Sciences; and

WHEREAS, after completing his formal education, Dr. Sims worked as a market development specialist for FMC Corporation; Dr. Sims has also worked as a biological research specialist, a professor, and weed specialist; and

WHEREAS, actively involved in community life, Dr. Sims coaches his son's baseball team, is a Deacon and Sunday School teacher at Springfield Baptist Church, is President-Elect of Springfield Kiwanis Club, and is the Third Vice President of the Springfield-Robertson County Chamber; and

WHEREAS, his many personal and professional accomplishments aside, Dr. Sims is perhaps most grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Amy Ashburn, and his sons, Barrett, Mason, and McLain; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of devoted volunteers like Dr. Sims are what sustain this State and earn it the nickname, "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pay tribute to him for his efforts; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Dr. Barry Sims on being selected Robertson County Volunteer of the Year and wish him the best in his every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.